

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1 of the specification following the title.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1 of the specification after the first paragraph (closing with “and/or signal compression”) and preceding the second paragraph (starting with “Signal processing systems...”).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 2 of the specification after the first paragraph (closing with “...visual system must contend”) and before the second paragraph (starting with “Aspects of the present invention...”).

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 3 of the specification after the first paragraph (closing with “...independent of brightness and contrast”) and before the second paragraph (starting with “Preferred embodiments of the present invention...”).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following paragraph at page 3 of the specification after the seventh paragraph (closing with “...third embodiment of the present invention”) and before the eighth paragraph (starting with “First, let us imagine...”).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED VERSIONS OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following Abstract following the claims (such Abstract also being provided on a separate sheet accompanying this Preliminary Amendment, as per 37 CFR §1.72(b)):

An image signal is processed by deriving measurements representing the luminance of a signal; calculating values relating to the local mean, the local standard deviation, the local maximum and/or the local minimum; and computing therefrom local standard coordinates such as z-scores which are independent of brightness and contrast.